

Remarks

Claims 7-11, 14, 15, 21, and 23-25 are pending. Claim 25 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

35 USC 112, First Paragraph:

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. On page 29, lines 1-14 and in FIGS. 28, 30 of Applicants' application, sutures 180, 183 (i.e., first sutures) and suture(s) 186 (i.e., second suture(s)) are shown and described. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that support exists in the specification for the relevant claim language, and respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

On the basis of the above remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the application is believed to be warranted and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this reply, the Examiner is respectfully urged to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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